

CT- 1267

OWINGS SCHOOL

(late 19th century)

Owings

Private

The Owings School is typical of the one-room schools erected in Calvert County during the late nineteenth century. The single-story, wood-framed, gable-fronted, school building, rectangular in plan, is two bays wide and three bays deep. Fenestration consists of six over six, double-hung windows. Relatively unchanged, the only notable exterior alteration is installation of a door on the east side elevation.

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Owings School (CT-<sup>✓</sup>1267)

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school

Known Design Source: none

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT-1267

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name

historic Owings School

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number south side, Grovers Turn Road near MD Rte. 2

☐ not for publication

city, town Owings

☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Calvert

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name James Leroy & Mabel King

street & number 145 West Mount Harmony Road

telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Owings

state and zip code MD 20736

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office

liber AWR 31

street & number 175 Main Street

folio 599

city, town Prince Frederick

state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

The former Owings School is located on a level, open lot on the south side of Grovers Turn Road in the Owings vicinity. Similar to most other remaining one-room schools in Calvert County, it has been converted to a residence. Unlike most of these other schools, no additions have been made, and the original fenestration and sheathing materials are retained.

The single-story, front-gabled, wood-framed former Owings School is two bays wide and three bays deep. The main door, of the single-light, two-panel type, is centered in the north facade wall. It is protected by a screen door. A second door is located near the rear of the east elevation. Both doors are reached by recently installed open wood steps.

Fenestration consists of six over six, double-hung, sash windows. A single window is located to the left of the door on the north facade. Three windows are spaced across the west elevation, and two windows are placed in the east elevation. The walls of the building are sheathed in deteriorated clapboards. A portion of the north facade and east wall is sheathed in asphalt siding paper, patterned to resemble bricks. The roof is marked by a deteriorated boxed cornice, and the roof itself is sheathed in asphalt shingles, patched in places with sheet metal. A small, square brick chimney projects from the south end of the roof ridge. The building is elevated on piers. Some of these piers, which may be original, are dry laid bricks, while others are formed from a combination of brick and concrete blocks.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 19th century

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Owings School is significant as one of the few identified surviving one-room school buildings in the northern portion of Calvert County. Although in poor condition, it retains integrity as a school, clearly identifiable because of its roofline and massing.

The exact date of construction of the school is not known. Similarities to other dated one-room schools in Calvert County suggest a late nineteenth century construction date. The exact date of closure of the school is also not known. It may have been closed in about 1931 when Fairview School opened as the first consolidated school for white children in northern Calvert County.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of nominated property** less than 1

Quadrangle name North Beach, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

## UTM Refernces do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**C**

**D**

**E**

## F

**G** 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

That portion of Parcel 7-23 that contains the school building. Always part of a larger parcel, only the school building site is significant to its association with the history of Calvert County.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

<u>state</u>	<u>code</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>code</u>
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state PA

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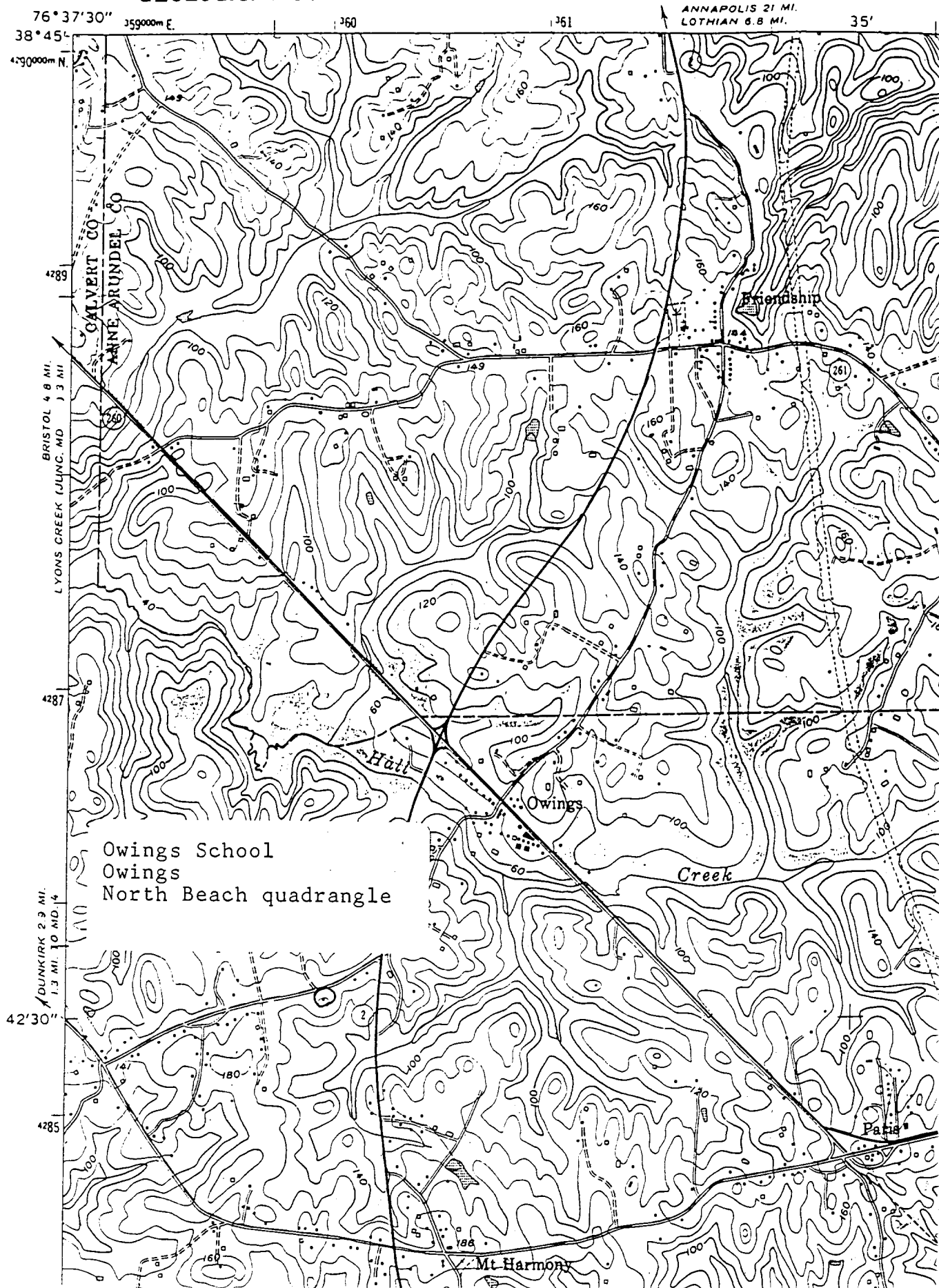
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Over the wheel

Calvert County Maryland

Douglas - 1960s

11 years

1st Jan 5th PC

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